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19 May 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Spurious Alert

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1. This is to inform you of a recent incident involving a spurious alert [REDACTED] which was corrected in time to avoid any undesirable consequences insofar as I know. The action already taken by [REDACTED] is, in my judgment, all that is required under the circumstances. FOIAb3b1

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2. On 10 May, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was preparing some samples of different types of messages to be used in briefing his replacement. One was mistakenly sent to [REDACTED] Washington Headquarters and [REDACTED] also alerted appropriate watch offices by telephone. Some minutes later the mistake was discovered [REDACTED] All recipients were immediately informed by wire and telephone that the message "is completely erroneous and is herewith killed" (TAB B). FOIAb3b1 25X1A7b

3. On learning of this I took the following action:

25X1A7b Requested [REDACTED] for a report and for steps taken to prevent a recurrence (TAB C). FOIAb3b1

- . Requested [REDACTED] to "review procedures designed to prevent unintentional alerts" (TAB D).
- . Consulted with Chief, CIA OPSCEN, to assure myself that our action had not in fact caused difficulties.
- . Informed ADDI of incident and of actions taken.

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25X1A7b . Reviewed the report of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (TAB E), and notified him of my
satisfaction therewith (TAB F).

[REDACTED]

Attachments: a/s

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